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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,106  
Filed: October 15, 1999  
Inventor: Joseph R. BYRUM  
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
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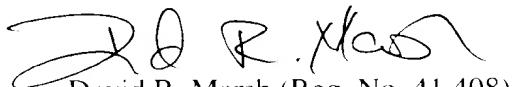
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1. Form PTO-1083 (in duplicate);
2. Response to Office Action dated September 12, 2000 (with copy of pending claims attached); and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosures

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19 and § 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.  
 A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.  
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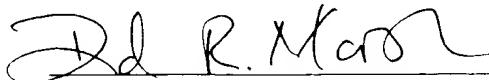
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